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June 19, 2001

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOTS-COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1 (PALMDALE ZONE)
(FIFTH) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Support the assessments on County owned properties within the boundaries of the County of Los Angeles Lighting District LLA-1 (Palmdale Zone) for the operation and maintenance of street lighting at an annual cost of \$462, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to cast ballots in support of the assessments for the properties.
2. Find that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies, including Los Angeles County, became subject to assessment by various County and non-County assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments and its ballots will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment.

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One such district which is in the process of seeking property owner approval for an assessment is a lighting district in the County of Los Angeles, identified as County Lighting District LLA-1 (Palmdale Zone). Since the County owns properties within the boundaries of this district, it has the right to participate in the balloting on the assessment. This is a County assessment district and the public hearing on the proposed assessment is scheduled for June 26, 2001.

The County properties which these ballots represent contain various County facilities. The County adopted a Resolution of Intention on April 24, 2001, to levy the proposed assessments, including the County owned properties. The Fire Department (FD) and Department of Public Works (DPW) have determined that the services to be financed by the County's assessment district will be of sufficient benefit to warrant the Board's support. Accordingly, it is recommended that your ballots be completed as supporting the County's assessment.

In order to be approved under Proposition 218, the majority of property owners who return their ballots will have to approve the proposed assessments with their ballots being weighted according to their individual assessments based on the size, location, type of improvements and benefits received by the property. The proposed district's total additional annual assessment amount is \$900,000 to provide for ongoing operation and maintenance of the existing street lighting system necessary for the satisfactory operation of these services in the County lighting district zone for Fiscal Year (FY) 2001-02.

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we invest in public infrastructure, in order to strengthen the County's fiscal capacity. Support for the benefit assessments levied against the County properties to facilitate servicing and maintenance of street lighting fills an identified need and supports this strategy by complying with the Strategic Asset Management Principles (Goal 3, Strategy 3, Objective 3.3.2).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total additional assessment for FY 2001-02 to be levied on the subject County properties is \$462. Additional total annual operational and maintenance assessments are anticipated beginning in FY 2002-03 estimated for the subject County properties at \$462, which may be adjusted in subsequent years for any increases in the Consumer Price Index or a re-balloting of property owners, except for normal Southern California Edison Company energy increases.

We propose to charge the assessments to the benefitting departments which have jurisdiction over the assessed parcels. Based on your Board's approval of other Proposition 218 assessments, this is in keeping with the current policy and practice of charging such assessments to the County departments occupying or deriving use from the assessed property. The FD, DPW and this office are aware of and support this financing plan. Future financing for approved assessments will be addressed as part of the annual budget process.

The financial cost of paying this increased assessment on the budgets of the FD and DPW is not significant and can be absorbed within the departments' FY 2001-02 budget appropriations.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposition 218, approved by the voters in November, 1996, requires public agencies to send ballots to all affected property owners prior to increasing or imposing a new assessment. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the proposed assessment. The ballots are weighted according to the proposed assessment amount of the properties. In addition, publicly owned properties will no longer be exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt as specified under Appendix G, Class 1, of the Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, which allows the repair and minor alterations of existing public facilities and/or utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, water, sewage, or other public services involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing at the facility.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)


Approval of this benefit assessment will help ensure the maintenance and public safety of the streets and highways within the assessment district.

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CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted stamped Board letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,



DAVID E. JANSSEN
Chief Administrative Officer

DEJ:SNY
CWW:RC:jf

Attachment (1)

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Department of Public Works
Fire Department

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May 8, 2001

Dear Property Owner:

STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT INCREASE COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1, PALMDALE ZONE

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3005040900

(Print Name Above/ Deletree su nombre arriba)

Signed under penalty of perjury

Firme bajo multa de perjurio

OWNER OF RECORD / Project No. 2001-1



L A CO WATERWORKS DIST NO 34

00500 TEMPLE ST

LOS ANGELES CA 900120000

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ASSESSED PROPERTY ADDRESS:

Project No. 2001-1/Parcel No.: 3005040900.
40163 DIVISION ST
PALMDALE

VOTE FOR ONLY ONE / VOTE SOLAMENTE POR UNO.



I am in favor of the increased assessment of \$154 per year for a total assessment of \$154 on the parcel identified below for the continued operation and maintenance of existing street lights.

☐ YES/SI

SI, estoy en favor de un aumento de \$154 por año. Esto incrementará mi impuesto total presente a \$154 en el lote identificado abajo para la operación y el mantenimiento continuo de luces de calles existentes.



I am opposed to the proposed increased assessment (recognizing that without an increase, some or all of the street lights are expected to be turned off).

☐ NO/NO

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3009024907

Signed under penalty of perjury

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Project No. 2001-1/Parcel No.: 3009024907.
38318 9TH ST E
PALMDALE

OWNER OF RECORD / Project No. 2001-1

**L A COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE
00500 TEMPLE ST
LOS ANGELES CA 900120000**

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Project No. 2001-1/Parcel No.: 3009019902.
38126 SIERRA HWY
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BALLOT AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PALMDALE ZONE OF
COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LLA-1**

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It is important that you read this information and return the ballot in the postage paid envelope provided to ensure the continued operation and maintenance of street lights in your city.

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